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Letter dated 2 February 2016 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I wish to respond to the baseless allegations made in the letter issued as document S/2015/1028 addressed to the President of the Security Council.

On 22 December 2015, during clashes on the line separating the towns of Darayya and Mu'addamiyah in Rif Dimashq, a terrorist group left Mu'addamiyah in the direction of Darayya town to support terrorists there. Their departure coincided with a Syrian Air Force helicopter operation. Five terrorists were killed by the impact of explosions resulting from those operations.

The channels of the opposition and terrorist groups exploited the incident. They displayed pictures and video footage of the dead terrorists, claiming that the Army had fired missiles armed with toxic chemicals at the town. Witnesses from a medical commission composed of civilians from the town are prepared to meet with any United Nations committee to refute the idea that any of those who died could have been the target of a chemical substance attack.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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